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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re Application of:</i>	§ BEFORE THE EXAMINER:
Stephen N. Vaughn et al.	§ Thuan D. Dang
Serial No.: 10/641,355	§ Group Art Unit No.: 1764
Filed: August 14, 2003	§ Attorney Docket No.: 2000B028/2
USPTO Conf. No.: 1181	§ Customer No.: 23455
For: STRIPPING HYDROCARBON IN AN OXYGENATE CONVERSION PROCESS	§ Baytown, Texas

**Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, a formal request for any extension and payment of fees is made below in the event such fees will be necessary. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.